

## **Highlights and Important Features**

### **2002 Adopted Budget**

The 2002 adopted budget for the City of Saint Paul is \$515,283,129. This is the total of the budgets of all city funds: general fund, special funds, debt service funds and capital improvement funds. This is a 6.3% increase from the 2001 adopted budget, mostly in the capital improvements budget. The RiverCentre and Water Utility operating and capital budgets, like the HRA budgets, are submitted separately. Therefore, they are not included in this book. If transfers from one fund to another are excluded and the amount budgeted for 2003 debt payments is excluded, the city budget is \$406,981,483.

#### **General Highlights:**

**Property Taxes.** For the eighth straight year the adopted levy has not been increased.

**Service Charges and Fees.** This budget contains no increase for street maintenance, alley maintenance, sanitary or storm sewer fees, recycling or other assessment fees.

**Capital Improvement Funding:** \$95,513,000. The adopted 2002 capital improvement budget (CIB) provides funding for all capital projects funded with local, state, federal or other revenues received by the city for this purpose.

#### **Significant Department Changes:**

Introductions to the general fund (pages 21-30), special funds (pages 31-38), and general obligation debt service funds (pages 39-46), sections of this document detail important features of financing and spending within each of those areas. Significant features of the overall budget are highlighted in those sections.